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Homegoing Service
For
Henry Nance

Sunrise:
November 1, 1927

Sunset:
September 2, 2000



Friday, September 8, 2000
12:00 P.M.

Bethel A.M.E. Church

1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14209

Reverend Richard A. Stenhouse, Officiating

The Obituary

"If any body ask you who I am, tell them I'm a child of God"

On Saturday, September 2, 2000, God in His divine wisdom, called His child Henry Nance, Home.

Henry was born in Fairmont, NC on November 1, 1927, and the sixth of eight children born to Daniel Scott Nance and Amanda E. Odom Nance. Two siblings, Sam and Eva, preceded him in death. Shortly after his birth, the family relocated to Mullins, SC. At an early age he became a member of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church and graduated from Palmetto High School. He also attended Allen University in Columbia, SC.

In 1948 Henry relocated to Buffalo, NY where he immediately joined Bethel A.M.E. Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. Collier and was a faithful member until his home going. During his fifty-two years of service he touched many lives as a Sunday school teacher. He was a founding member of both the Gospel Singers and Brotherhood Chorus. During his tenure as president of the Brotherhood, he often called members to let them know they were missed when absent from the rehearsal. For numerous years he accompanied the late Rev. Thomas Moore on his routine visits to the sick and shut-in.

In 1951, he united in holy matrimony to Rosa Lee Callahan; to this union a daughter was born. The family's unity and love were a blessing from God. The three were together during his final mortal hours.

After 24 years of labor and advancement to a position of maintenance supervisor, he retired from the Bethlehem Steel Plant in Lackawanna.

Henry never met a stranger and was always willing to lend a helping hand . . . sing a song, fix a leak, repair a lock or install an electrical outlet. And, he loved the Lord and loved to sing praises to the Lord. For over 30 years he was a member of the original Friendly Five Quartets. He was a member of the Disciples of Western NY and had been a member of the Spiritual Harmonizer Singers since its inception. Even with his failing health he looked forward to the weekly rehearsal of the Harmonizers.

He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Rosa Lee, daughter, Deborah Jean of Rensselaer, NY; godson, F. David Reaves of Lockport, NY; one brother, Daniel III (Willard Dean) of Buffalo; four sisters, Vastina Reaves of Mullins, SC, Juanita Hill of Buffalo, Irene Langron of Philadelphia, PA and Hattie Nichols of Detroit, MI; sisters-in-law Florence Gary of Buffalo, Louise (Willie Robert) Mosley of Greenwood, SC and Mary L. (Homer) Martin of McCormick, SC; brothers-in-law Joseph Harper of Buffalo, NY, Robert L. Gary, Sr. of Buffalo, Rev. Samuel L. Whittaker of Elwood, NJ, Elijah Scott of Greenwood, SC and Charles Johnson of Danville, Ill; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional **"Soon And Very Soon"**

Hymn **"When Peace Like A River"** **#189**

Selection **Maceo Nichols**

Invocation **Rev. Robert Reynolds**

Scriptures:

The Old Testament **Proverbs 3:1-10**

The New Testament **Corinthians 13**

Selection **The Brotherhood Chorus**

Resolutions

Reflections **Tyrone Johnson & Victoria Jamison**

Solo **Daniel Whitaker**

Obituary (Silent Reading) **"God Has Smiled On Me"**

Acknowledgments **Linda Edwards**

Solo **Gwendolyn Stewart**

Eulogy **Rev. Richard A. Stenhouse**

Recessional **"When We All Get To Heaven"**

INTERMENT

Forest Lawn Cemetery

*It's hard to see tomorrow
When someone you love is gone,
And it's harder still to realize
That your life will still go on.
But the Lord won't give you burdens
Which he knows you cannot bear,
And He will not leave you comfortless
You'll always find Him there.
We're all our Father's children,
Here on earth and up above,
And your loved one now walks close to God,
Surrounded by His love.*

Pallbearers

Nephews

Acknowledgments

**The family wishes to express our sincere appreciation
for the many expressions of love, sympathy and acts of
kindness extended to us during our time of bereavement.**

Arrangements:

H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary, Inc.

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